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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL,

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Worsley Urban District Council.*

WALKDEN.

Madam/Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Fourth Annual Report on the health of the Urban District of Worsley for the year ending 31st December, 1937.

The Worsley and District Council comprises the township of Walkden, Worsley, Boothstown and Little Hulton.

The chief points to be noted are :—

- (a) The population has, according to the Registrar General's return, increased from 24,200 mid-year, 1936, to 24,500 mid-year, 1937.
- (b) The death rate has increased from 12.1 per 1,000 of estimated resident population in 1936, to 13.9 per 1,000 in 1937.
1936 adjusted death rate = 13.0 per 1,000 population
1937 ,, ,, ,, = 15.0 ,, ,, ,,
- (c) The birth rate has decreased from 14.5 per 1,000 of estimated resident population in 1936 to 13.4 per 1,000 in 1937, with an increase of illegitimate births.
- (d) The economic conditions of the inhabitants have improved during the year.
- (e) There has been, I regret to state, an increase in the number of notifiable infectious diseases, especially in Diphtheria, chiefly confined to the industrial areas of the township.

It is to be regretted that the proposals for immunization against Diphtheria have not been adopted.

The infantile mortality rate has increased during the year from 51 per 1,000 live births in 1936 to 63 per 1,000 in 1937. This is above the average for England and Wales, viz. : 58 per 1,000.

Recommendations of the Department have been considered by the Public Health Committee, and in most cases adopted and put into effect.

The collaboration of the officials in all the departments of the Council has materially helped and facilitated the work of the department.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. E. FLITCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT.

The area covered by the Worsley Urban District Council comprises 7,242 acres, bounded on the North by Farnworth and Kearsley, on the East by Swinton and Pendlebury, on the South by Eccles, and on the West by Tyldesley.

The Education Acts are administered by an Area Committee, which is a Sub-Committee of the Lancashire County Council Education Committee.

The Township is divided into Eight Wards, viz. : Walkden North, Walkden Central, Walkden East, Boothstown, Worsley, Hulton East, Hulton West, and Worsley Road.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for mid-year is 24,500.

The District is situate upon a mineral strata, chiefly with a clay and sand sub-soils, the highest point being at Topping's Bridge, in Worsley Road, which is 350 feet above sea level.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Coal Mining, Cotton Spinning, Weaving, Dyeing, Engineering Works, and Farming are the chief industries of the District.

The economic and social conditions of the inhabitants are good, and employment in the staple industries has been maintained.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Act is administered by the County Council.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The Medical Officer of Health supervises the work of the Public Health Department, and personally investigates any condition demanding his attention.

Infectious diseases cases are removed to Astley Sanatorium where it is considered advisable in the interest of the health of the patient and to safeguard the health of the community.

HOUSING.

During the year 243 new houses have been erected, 66 of which were built by the Council and 177 by private enterprise.

Seventeen Clearance Areas were submitted to the Council, comprising 126 houses situate in Hulton West Ward, and after an inquiry held by the Ministry of Health at a later period, were all confirmed.

Demolition of vacated property has been effected immediately after vacation.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is supplied by the Corporations of Bolton and Manchester, the supplies are continuous and of good quality. No samples of these have been submitted for examination by this Authority.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The separate system is operated as far as possible. Sewage is dealt with at the various works situate at Barton, Boothstown, Ellenbrook and Worsley Road, Little Hulton.

Surface water is conducted into the several streams passing through the area.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

The collection and disposal of refuse is under the control of the Sanitary Inspector. Refuse is conveyed to the tips in covered motor vehicles. Further information in regard to this service is given in the Inspector's Report.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area—7,242 acres.

Population—(Estimated by Registrar General mid-year, 1937)—24,500.

Population—Census, 1931—22,376.

No. of inhabited houses, Census 1931—5,954.

„ „ Estimated 1937—7,599.

Rateable Value—£124,598.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£457.

Number of new houses occupied—243.

General Rate in the £—12/8.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

| | | | | | Total | Males | Females | Per 1,000 population | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|------|---|-------|---------|----------------------|------|
| 1936—Births, Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 351 | 182 | 163 | Rate | 14.5 |
| „ Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | 3 | | |
| 1937—Births, Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 320 | 182 | 138 | Rate | 13.4 |
| „ Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 | 5 | 4 | | |
| | | | | | Per 1,000 Total Births | | | | |
| 1936—Still Births | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 | 8 | 8 | Rate | 43 |
| 1937 „ „ | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 13 | 10 | Rate | 65 |
| | | | | | Per 1,000 Population | | | | |
| 1936—Deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | 293 | 140 | 153 | Crude rate | 12.1 |
| | | | | | Adjusted | | | | |
| | | | | | 13.0 | | | | |
| 1937 „ | ... | ... | ... | ... | 342 | 179 | 163 | Crude rate | 13.9 |
| | | | | | Adjusted | | | | |
| | | | | | 15.0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 1936 1937 | | | | |
| Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | nil | nil |
| Deaths from other Puerperal Causes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 |
| Deaths of Infants under one year of age—Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 | 19 |
| „ Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Rate per 1,000 Births | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 | 63 |
| Rate for England and Wales | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 | 58 |
| Deaths from Cancer | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43 | 36 |
| „ „ Measles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 0 |
| „ „ Whooping Cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| „ „ Diarrhea | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | Birth rate | | | | |
| 1936 | ... | ... | ... | 14.5 | ... | 12.1 | ... | 0.33 | ... |
| 1937 | ... | ... | ... | 13.4 | ... | 13.9 | ... | 0.48 | ... |
| Increase or Decrease on previous year | ... | ... | ... | —1.1 | ... | +1.8 | ... | +0.15 | ... |
| Increase or Decrease on five years' average | ... | ... | ... | +0.9 | ... | +1.6 | ... | +0.09 | ... |
| | | | | | Rate of Deaths under One Year per 1000 Births | | | | |
| | | | | | 51 63 | | | | |
| | | | | | Phthisis Death rate | | | | |
| | | | | | +12 —1 | | | | |

| DEATHS. | 1936 | 1937 |
|--|------|------|
| Total deaths belonging to the District, including transfers in and excluding transfers out ... | 293 | 342 |
| Death rate per thousand living | 12.1 | 13.9 |
| Infantile Mortality death rate per 1,000 Births ... | 51 | 63 |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live Births | 49 | 59 |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live Births | 166 | 222 |

The births registered in and belonging to the District numbered 329, giving a birth rate of 13.4 as compared with 14.5 for 1936, and a rate for England and Wales of 14.9.

Of the 329 births, 187 were males and 142 females. Five males and four females being illegitimate.

MATERNAL MORTALITY AND INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE.

| | Per 1,000 Births | |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| | Rate of deaths | |
| | Maternal | under 1 year |
| Mean of five years, 1932-35 | 4.52 | 64 |
| „ „ 1936 | 2.72 | 51 |
| „ „ 1937 | 8.52 | 63 |
| Increase or Decrease on five years' average, | | |
| 1932-36 | +4.00 | —1 |
| On previous year | +5.80 | +12 |

The chief causes of death are Tuberculosis, Cancer, Cerebral Conditions, Heart Disease, Pneumonia and Bronchitis.

The Infantile Mortality rate shows an increase on the previous year, and is greater compared with that for England and Wales, being 64 per 1,000 and 58 per 1,000 respectively.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

There are three Nursing Associations in the District, each providing one nurse for general sickness cases, but not for infectious Diseases. The Council grants yearly contributions to each Association.

MIDWIVES.

The Lancashire County Council is the supervising authority for the four Midwives practising in the district, three of whom are County Midwives.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The Council subscribes to the following hospitals :—

Manchester Royal Hospital.

„ Royal Eye Hospital.

„ „ Ear „

„ „ Children's „

„ St. Mary's „

Salford Royal Infirmary.

Bolton Royal Infirmary.

The above mentioned Hospitals and Infirmaries are extensively used by the inhabitants of the district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifiable Infectious cases requiring Isolation and Sanatorium treatment are sent to the Sanatorium situate at Astley, controlled by the Leigh Joint Hospital Board, upon which this Authority is represented.

Large extensions have been undertaken by the Board in order to effectively deal with all cases of notifiable infectious diseases from the various districts within the purview of the Joint Board.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The treatment of this disease is under the control of the County Council, and there is one Pulmonary Hospital within the district at Peel Hall. There is no excessive incidence of, or mortality from Tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

It has not been necessary to apply these regulations relating to employees suffering from Tuberculosis, or to use Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, which provides for the compulsory removal to Sanatorium of any person suffering from the disease.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious disease cases are removed by motor ambulance belonging to the Joint Hospital Board. For accidents and non-infectious cases, the Council provide motor ambulance facilities free of charge for cases of persons resident in the district, to Hospitals situate in Manchester, Salford, Bolton, Leigh and Eccles. The Manchester Collieries, Ltd., provide for colliery accident cases. Accidents occurring in other concerns in the district are removed by our own ambulance.

LABORATORY WORK.

All specimens for pathological and bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, York Place, Manchester. During the year 104 swabs have been examined for Diphtheria, and one blood sample for Typhoid.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Act is administered by the County Council. The local clinic is situate at Park Road, Walkden.

SCHOOL HYGIENE.

The sanitary arrangements of the schools in the district are generally unsatisfactory.

The following are in use :—

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Privy System. | St. John's Blair School. Wharton School. |
| Trough System. | St. Paul's, Junior and Infants. Walkden Moor Methodists. St. Edmund's R.C. St. John's, Ellesmere. Boothstown C. of E. Worsley St. Marks. St. Paul's, Peel (Part). |
| Flush Water Closets. | Beesby Green, Worsley. All Saints', Swinton. St. Paul's, Peel (Part). Walkden Methodists. Worsley Senior School. East Council School, Worsley Road. |

Cloak room accommodation and facilities for drying clothes are in many schools unsatisfactory and unhygienic.

The method of supply of drinking water is out of date, and I suggest is liable to spread infection. The school yards, with a few exceptions, are unpaved, uneven and unsanitary.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the authority under the Food and Drugs Acts, and details of samples of food submitted for analysis will be found in the Chief Sanitary Inspector's Report.

MILK SUPPLY.

There are in this district 33 farms where milk is produced, five of which are licensed by the County Council to produce "Accredited Milk." There are no farms in the district where "Tubercular Tested" Milk is produced and there are no Pasteurization depôts.

The method of distribution is improving by the more extensive use of sealed bottles, but there still remains the old method of retailing from the churn, from vehicles generally without covers, a method which cannot be regarded as hygienic.

Milk is the staple and necessary food for children, and is the only food which contains everything essential to life. A clean, pure milk supply is most necessary for the maintenance of the health of children—the adults of the future.

The only satisfactory method of ensuring milk is in my opinion, one under the direct control of the Local Authority. All milk supplied should be from animals which have passed the tubercular test, and where this is not at present practicable, the milk should be pasteurized and sold in sealed containers, bearing the date of production. I am strongly convinced of the necessity of this much needed improvement.

Sterilised milk is not recommended for children on account of lack of guarantee of age and destruction of certain life-maintaining properties in the process. According to government reports, 40% of herds are affected with Tuberculosis.

A Veterinary Officer appointed by the County Council is available to assist the Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector when desired.

Details of milk samples submitted for analysis are recorded in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

MEAT.

All meat slaughtered in the district is inspected and all premises where the slaughter of animals is effected are kept under strict control and observation.

The slaughterhouses are generally well conducted, and the Regulations carried out.

Slaughtering of animals on Sundays for food for human consumption is prohibited by a resolution of the Council, and I am pleased to say is observed. Generally the quality of meat sold in the district is good and free from disease.

Refrigerators are provided in all shops, chiefly the electric type, and the premises are kept clean and wholesome.

Inspection of carcasses would be facilitated and a great saving of time affected by the provision of a Central Public Abattoir.

OBSERVATIONS ON INFECTIOUS DISEASE.
SMALL POX.

No case has occurred in the district.

SCARLET FEVER.

Sixty-six cases occurred during the year, thirty-four of which were removed to the Sanatorium. The incidence of this disease has been most general in children between the ages of five and 15 years, and was of a mild type.

DIPHTHERIA.

Forty-three cases were notified, thirty-seven of which were removed to Sanatorium.

Twenty-four of the notifications were of children between the ages of five and 15 years.

The infection was of the non-virulent type and only one death occurred in Sanatorium in the year 1937.

A comprehensive joint scheme of immunization is, I suggest, the only solution of eventually decreasing this disease with its far-reaching and often permanent ill effects.

An adequate supply of serum is available to all Medical Practitioners in the area.

Swabs are also supplied, and adequate facilities of their examination and report to the Practitioner and the Medical Officer of Health are available, the cost being borne by the Authority.

MEASLES.

Not notifiable during the year.

CHICKEN POX.

Not notifiable during the year.

PUERPERAL PYREXIA.

One case notified was sent into Hospital.

GENERAL.

The total number of infectious disease cases notified was 136, of which 77 were removed to Sanatorium. The disinfection of 110 houses was carried out immediately after the patients received to Sanatorium, or on being certified as free from infection by the doctor in attendance.

PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATION, 1912.

Twenty-four new notifications were received, 18 Pulmonary, 6 non-pulmonary, compared with 23 for 1936. 16 Pulmonary and 7 non-Pulmonary. 13 deaths were registered, 12 Pulmonary and 1 non-Pulmonary, an increase of 6 over 1936.

Disinfection of infected premises was carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE.

ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OR DECLARED TO BE IN FORCE
BY ORDER.

Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.

Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act, 1890.

Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—Parts, II, III, IV and V.

Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

The Museum and Gymnasiums Act, 1891.

Private Street Works Act, 1892.

Public Libraries Act, 1892, adopted 28th February, 1896.

Public Libraries (Amendment) Act, 1893, adopted 28th February, 1896.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, Part II, Part III, Part IV (except Section 61), Part V, Part VI, Section 81 of Part VII, Section 87 (modified), Section 88 and Section 90 of Part VIII, Section 95 of Part X. Orders of the Local Government Board dated January 8th, 1909, and 30th September, 1910, as regards the former Worsley Urban District Council and 14th October, 1909, and 19th August, 1910, as regards the late Little Hulton Urban District Council.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923. Adopted March 9th, 1935.

Public Health Act, 1925, Parts II, III, IV and V. Part adopted 8th February, 1926, by the former Worsley Urban District Council and Part adopted on 9th August, 1926, and 10th January, 1927, by the late Little Hulton Urban District Council.

LOCAL ACTS AND ORDERS.

Little Hulton Urban District Council Act, 1910.
Date of Royal Assent 10th August, 1910.

Sections 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 49, 52, 65, repealed by order of the Minister of Health dated 24th December, 1926, as from the 10th January, 1927.

Sections 3 (Part of) 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33, 71 (Part of), 78, 81, 82, 83, repealed by the Little Hulton Gas Order, 1930.

Little Hulton Gas Order, 1930, 19th December, 1930, made by the Board of Trade under the Gas Undertakings Acts, 1920 and 1929.

BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS.

New streets and buildings.

Dairies, cow sheds and milk shops.

Slaughterhouses.

Nuisances.

Offensive Trades.

Tents, vans and sheds, etc.

Worsley Urban District.

| | | | | | | 1936 | | 1937 | |
|---------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| <i>Causes of Death</i> | | | | | | <i>M</i> | <i>F</i> | <i>M</i> | <i>F</i> |
| | ALL CAUSES | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 | ... | 153 | 179 ... 163 |
| 1 | Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 2 | Measles | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 2 | | |
| 3 | Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | | |
| 4 | Whooping Cough | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 | ... | 1 |
| 5 | Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 3 | 1 | ... |
| 6 | Influenza | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 6 | ... |
| 7 | Encephalitis Lethargica | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 8 | Cerebro-spinal fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | 3 | ... |
| 9 | Tuberculosis of respiratory system | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 3 | 7 | ... |
| 10 | Other Tuberculous diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | 1 | ... |
| 11 | Syphilis | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 12 | General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... |
| 13 | Cancer, malignant disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 28 | 12 | ... |
| 14 | Diabetes | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 7 | 2 | ... |
| 15 | Cerebral Hæmorrhage, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 16 | 12 | ... |
| 16 | Heart disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 | 29 | 45 | ... |
| 17 | Aneurysm | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 18 | Other circulatory diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 6 | 4 | ... |
| 19 | Bronchitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 7 | 9 | ... |
| 20 | Pneumonia (all forms) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 2 | 14 | ... |
| 21 | Other respiratory diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 | 2 | ... |
| 22 | Peptic Ulcer | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | | 2 | ... |
| 23 | Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | | | ... |
| 24 | Appendicitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 | 2 | ... |
| 25 | Cirrhosis of liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | 1 |
| 26 | Other diseases of the liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... |
| 27 | Other digestive diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 4 | 4 | ... |
| 28 | Acute and chronic nephritis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 4 | 7 | ... |
| 29 | Puerperal sepsis | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| 30 | Other puerperal causes | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 | | ... |
| 31 | Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 6 | 8 | ... |
| 32 | Senility | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 10 | 7 | ... |
| 33 | Suicide | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | | 3 | ... |
| 34 | Other deaths from violence | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 3 | 7 | ... |
| 35 | Other defined diseases | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 | 16 | 16 | ... |
| 36 | Causes ill-defined or unknown | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | | 1 | ... |
| 37 | Diarrhœa (over 2 years) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | | | |
| Special Causes (included above) | | | | | | | | | |
| | Small-pox | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | Poliomyelitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| | Polioencephalitis | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year | Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 8 | 13 | ... |
| | Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 7 | 12 | ... |
| | Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Live Births | Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 185 | 166 | 187 | ... |
| | Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 182 | 163 | 182 | ... |
| | Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 3 | 5 | ... |
| Still Births | Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 8 | 13 | ... |
| | Legitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 8 | 12 | ... |
| | Illegitimate | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | | 1 | ... |
| Comparability Factor | | | | | | ... | 1.08 | 1.08 | |

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

| Age Periods. | | | | NEW CASES. | | | | DEATHS. | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----|-----|------------|----|---------------|----|----------|----|---------------|----|
| | | | | Resp't'y | | non-Resp't'ry | | Resp't'y | | non-Resp't'ry | |
| | | | | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| Years | 0—1 | ... | ... | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 1—5 | ... | ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| „ | 5—10 | ... | ... | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 10—15 | ... | ... | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 15—20 | ... | ... | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 20—25 | ... | ... | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 25—35 | ... | ... | 2 | — | — | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| „ | 35—45 | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | — | — | 2 | 2 | — | — |
| „ | 45—55 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — |
| „ | 55—65 | ... | ... | 4 | — | 1 | — | 1 | 1 | — | — |
| „ | 65 & upwards | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | — | — | 2 | 1 | — | — |
| Totals | | | | 10 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 5 | — | 1 |
| | | | | 18 | | 6 | | 12 | | 1 | |

All primary notifications should be included, and also any other new cases of tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR, 1937. 18

| "NOTIFIABLE" DISEASES. | TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED. | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total Deaths. | Hospital. | |
|--|--------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------|
| | Total Cases at all Ages. | Years. | | | | | | | | | | | Total Cases removed to Hospital. | | Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district. | |
| | | u'der 1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | | | | 65 and over |
| Smallpox | (a) | | | | | | | | | | | | | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| Scarlet Fever | 66 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 14 | 4 | 3 | | | | | 34 | |
| Diphtheria, including Membranous Croup | 43 | | | | 2 | 4 | 23 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 1 | | | 1 | 37 | 1 |
| Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Influenzal Pneumonia | 11 | | | | | | 1 | | 2 | 6 | 2 | | | 18 | 1 | |
| Puerperal Fever | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cerebro-Spinal Fever | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 4 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Acute Polio-encephalitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dysentery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Erysipelas | 11 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | | 1 | |
| Malaria { Contracted— In this Country Abroad | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Any other diseases notifiable in district, e.g. :— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicken-pox | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Measles, excluding German Measles | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whooping Cough | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Any other disease | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 136 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 52 | 19 | 10 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 77 | 4 |

Birth-rates, Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Death-rates, and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the year 1937.

(England and Wales, London, 125 Great Towns and 148 Smaller Towns).

(Provisional Figures based on Weekly and Quarterly Returns).

| | | | | | England and Wales | 125 County Boro's. and Great Towns including London | 148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census) | London Adminis- trative County |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | | Rates per 1,000 Population. | | | |
| Births— | | | | | | | | |
| Live | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14.9 | 14.9 | 15.3 | 13.3 |
| Still | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.60 | 0.67 | 0.64 | 0.54 |
| Deaths— | | | | | | | | |
| All Causes | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12.4 | 12.5 | 11.9 | 12.3 |
| Typhoid and Paratyphoid fevers | | | | | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Smallpox... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — | — |
| Measles | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Whooping Cough | | | | ... | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.06 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Influenza... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.45 | 0.39 | 0.42 | 0.38 |
| Violence | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.54 | 0.45 | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| Notifications— | | | | | | | | |
| Smallpox... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.00 | — | 0.00 | — |
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.33 | 2.56 | 2.42 | 2.09 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.49 | 1.81 | 1.38 | 1.93 |
| Enteric Fever | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.37 | 0.43 | 0.34 | 0.44 |
| Pneumonia | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.36 | 1.58 | 1.20 | 1.18 |
| | | | | | Rates per 1,000 Live Births. | | | |
| Deaths under 1 year of age | | | | | 58 | 62 | 55 | 60 |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age | | | | | 5.8 | 7.9 | 3.2 | 12.0 |
| Maternal Mortality— | | | | | | | | |
| Puerperal Sepsis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.97 | } Not available | | |
| Others | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.26 | | | |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.23 | | | |
| | | | | | Rates per 1,000 Total Births (i.e. Live & Still) | | | |
| Maternal Mortality— | | | | | | | | |
| Puerperal Sepsis | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.94 | } Not available | | |
| Others | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.17 | | | |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.11 | | | |
| Notifications— | | | | | | | | |
| Puerperal Fever | ... | ... | ... | } | 13.93 | 17.59 | 11.52 | 4.15 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | ... | ... | ... | | | | | 14.34 |

BIRTHS AND DEATHS during 1937 and previous years.

| Year | Population | BIRTHS | | DEATHS | | | | |
|------|------------|--------|------|-----------------------|-------|----------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | Number | Rate | Number at all ages | Rate | | Under One Year | |
| | | | | | Crude | Adjusted | Number | Rate per 1000 Births |
| 1934 | 23080 | 283 | 12.2 | 287 | +12.4 | 13.3 | 21 | 74 |
| 1935 | 23423 | 298 | 12.7 | 275 | +11.7 | 12.6 | 22 | 73 |
| 1936 | 24200 | 351 | 14.5 | 293 | 12.1 | 13.0 | 18 | 51 |
| 1937 | 24500 | 329 | 13.4 | 342 | 13.9 | 15.0 | 21 | 63 |

Yours obediently,

T. E. FLITCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector

For the year ending December 31st, 1937.

INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL,
WALKDEN, May, 1938.

*To the Chairman and Members of
the Worsley Urban District Council.*

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Seventeenth Annual Report of the work carried out by the Health Department, and the Forty-third Annual Report for the District.

During the year 243 new houses have been occupied, 66 of which have been built by the Council for the purpose of rehousing displaced occupiers from houses situate in condemned areas. The remaining 177 were built by private enterprise, a large number of which have been purchased by the occupiers.

Representations for the clearance of seventeen areas in Hulton West Ward were submitted to the Ministry of Health, comprising 126 houses. The number of persons to be rehoused was 417. Inspections of areas have also been made with a view to representation.

Monthly reports were presented to and considered by the Public Health and Housing Committees, when matters generally affecting Public Health and the betterment of conditions, received the Committee's consideration, and any instructions given by them were carried out.

It is very gratifying to know that in this District it is not often necessary to resort to Statutory Notices being served, or legal proceedings being taken to obtain desired improvements or the abatement of nuisances, in practically all cases it is only necessary to secure an interview or issue the preliminary notice.

TABLE No. 1.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| No. of Premises visited | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2145 |
| „ Privy closets condemned and water closets provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ „ „ pail „ „ | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Waste water closets repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Ashpits condemned and movable ashbins provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Ashbins renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| „ Ashpits built, covered or repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Water closets repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ New drains provided or re-constructed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ Drains repaired and unstopped | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| „ Gullys fixed to drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| „ Insanitary Sinks replaced | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| „ House Roofs and eaves spouts repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 164 |
| „ Damp walls and floors repaired, damp coursed, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 291 |
| „ Waste pipes repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| „ Dirty walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 84 |
| „ Verminous premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| „ Yard surfaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ Accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |
| Nuisances abated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 668 |
| „ unabated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 |
| | | | | | | <hr/> |

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

The collection of refuse has again proceeded uninterrupted during the year. No alteration in the collecting system has been made. PERSONNEL.—One foreman, four motor drivers, eight permanent, four temporary ashbinmen, and one tipman.

Four motor wagons have been constantly employed, and the district is sectionised so that a weekly collection of refuse stored in portable ashbins is made. Dry ashpits and middens are cleared frequently. Fixed ashpits are being discontinued where possible. A Vulcan 10 cubic yard wagon was introduced in 1937.

The disposal of refuse has been carried out satisfactorily, controlled tipping at Berryfield, and on the Recreation Grounds ; Quarry tipping at Peel Lane, Little Hulton.

The Council are well provided with suitable tips, for several years, and there is no nuisance arising.

The total number of loads collected and disposed of amount to 5,131 loads ; approximate weight per load being 30.647 cwts. Total weight 7862.5 tons, seeing that at the end of the year there were in the district 7,529 houses and 70 lock-up shops, totalling 7,599 occupied premises, the average yield per house is 20.8 cwts.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following table indicates the position in the district on December 31st, 1937. Occupied houses and lock-up shops only.

| Wards | Areas in Acres | No. of Houses | No. of Lock-up Shops | Water Closets | Waste Water Closets | Privies | Day Ashpits | Ashbins | Pails |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|-------|
| North | 185... | 1004... | 28... | 1010... | 6... | 16... | 32... | 984... | 0 |
| Central | 833... | 1643... | 9... | 1602... | 50... | 0... | 33... | 1619... | 0 |
| East | 790... | 999... | 2... | 978... | 14... | 3... | 14... | 984... | 6 |
| Worsley | 1695... | 846... | 3... | 837... | 0... | 8... | 74... | 767 ... | 4 |
| Boothstown | 2040... | 440... | 3... | 420... | 0... | 7... | 17... | 419... | 16 |
| Hulton East | 581... | 1160... | 17... | 1127... | 37... | 13... | 15... | 1149... | 0 |
| „ West | 760... | 991... | 7... | 915... | 60... | 60 | 20... | 918... | 2 |
| „ Wor. Rd. | 358... | 446... | 1... | 405... | 18... | 18... | 4... | 425... | 1 |
| Totals | 7242 | 7529 | 70 | 7294 | 151 | 125 | 209 | 7265 | 29 |

The greater number of privies are situated in areas where sewers are not available ; others are in areas that are scheduled for demolition.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

The number of works situate in the district where steam raising is essential is 28. There are a similar number of chimneys. Fourteen observations were made, and in two instances it was necessary to draw the attention of the works owners to the Council's Byelaw which prescribes that the emission of black smoke shall not exceed two minutes per half hour.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

There are 33 producers of milk in the district, and 18 purveyors other than cow-keepers.

Periodical inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds were made with a view to insisting on the carrying out of the Milk and Dairies Orders. One new Cowshed has been built ; others have been kept in a good state of repair and cleanliness, one was found to be unsatisfactory.

The following Tables indicate the results of samples of milk which were sent for analysis :—

EXAMINATIONS FOR BACTERIA.

| | | | | | BACTERIA PRESENT IN 1 CC | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | | | | | Produced in District | Produced outside District | Total |
| Less than 1,000 Bacteria | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — |
| 1,000 to 5,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 5,000 „ 10,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 10,000 „ 20,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| 20,000 „ 50,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | 4 | — | 4 |
| 50,000 „ 100,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — | 1 |
| 100,000 „ 200,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | 3 | — | 3 |
| 200,000 „ 500,000 | „ | ... | ... | ... | — | 1 | 1 |
| 500,000 and over | „ | ... | ... | ... | 2 | — | 2 |
| | | | | | 14 | 4 | 18 |

EXAMINATIONS FOR BACILLUS COLI.

| Bacillus Coli present in | | | | | 1 cc | 0.1 cc | 0.01 cc |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|---------|
| Milk produced in Township | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Milk produced outside Township | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 2 | 1 |
| Bacillus Coli absent in | | | | | | | |
| Milk produced in Township | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | — | — |
| Milk produced outside Township | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | — | — |
| | | | | | 4 | 5 | 9 |

47 samples, including first and following samples, were taken on behalf of the County Council for T.B., all of which were returned negative. There are now five farms in the district where accredited milk is produced and licensed by the County Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

I am indebted to Superintendent J. T. Turner, Bolton Division,
for the following information :—

**Return showing particulars of samples taken under the Food
and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, in Little Hulton Area,
year ended 31/12/37.**

| Nature of Sample. | Number of Samples taken. | Result of Analysis. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Milk | 22 | Genuine |
| Lancashire Cheese ... | 3 | do. |
| Butter | 2 | do. |
| Lard | 3 | do. |
| Tea | 2 | do. |
| Coffee | 2 | do. |
| Cocoa | 1 | do. |
| White Pepper ... | 1 | do. |
| Ground Almonds ... | 1 | do. |
| Ground Ginger ... | 1 | do. |
| Boiled Sweets ... | 1 | do. |
| Custard Powder ... | 1 | do. |
| Condensed Milk ... | 1 | do. |
| Total | | 41 |

County Police Office,
Bolton, 20th April, 1938.

J. T. TURNER,
Superintendent.

Also to the Superintendent, William Kenyon, Old Trafford, Manchester, for the following information :—

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

Return of samples purchased in the Worsley Urban District during the year 1937 for the purpose of analysis. All samples were genuine.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---|---------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Milk | ... | ... | ... | 9 | Self Raising Flour | ... | ... | 1 |
| Condensed Milk | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Sardines | ... | ... | 1 |
| Sugar | ... | ... | ... | 2 | Boiled Sweets | ... | ... | 1 |
| H.P. Sauce | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Tincture of Rhubarb | ... | ... | 1 |
| Butter | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Tapioca | ... | ... | 1 |
| Nut Meg | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Ground Rice | ... | ... | 1 |
| Coffee | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Cinnamon | ... | ... | 1 |
| Arrowroot | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Semolina | ... | ... | 1 |
| Lard | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Rice | ... | ... | 1 |
| Cornflour | ... | ... | ... | 1 | Pepper | ... | ... | 1 |

County Police Office,
Lancashire Constabulary,
Superintendent's Office,
Old Trafford, Manchester, 16,
20th April, 1938.

WM. KENYON,
Superintendent.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

The number of slaughter-houses in the district is 16. Number licensed 11, number defined as registered 6, in various parts of the district as follows :—North Ward 2, East 2, Central 1, Boothstown 3, Little Hulton East 4, West 3, Worsley Road 1, and, with only one exception, are within 30 feet from dwelling-houses. Six are in open yards, common to the rows of houses or shops within the curtilage. The buildings are in a reasonable condition, and have entailed for the purpose of general inspection, and for the inspection of Animals slaughtered for food for human consumption ; 1,400 visits in the year, during and after office hours.

The number of carcasses inspected : Beasts 1014, Calves 9, Sheep 3163, Pigs 649.

The amount of meat found to be unfit for human consumption was : Carcasses and parts 4779 lbs.

DISINFESTATION.

Eradication of Bed Bugs—

Particulars of action taken during 1937—No of houses found to be infested : Council houses 3, other houses 34. No. of houses disinfested : Council houses 3, other houses 34.

Methods employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs : Hydrogen Cyanide gas and approved liquids (Zaldecide).

Methods employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses : By the use of Cyanide gas in furniture vans when such precautions are necessary.

Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor? By contractor and by local authority.

Measures taken by way of supervision or education of tenants to prevent infestation or re-infestation after cleansing : The seriousness of a house or furniture being infested is explained.

HOUSING

Statistics for the year 1937.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—243; with State assistance, by Local Authority—66. By other bodies or persons—177.

Unfit Dwelling-houses—

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—257. Inspections made for the purpose—650.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925—192. Number of inspections made for the purpose—384.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.—118.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under (3) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation? 126.

Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.—112.

Action under Statutory Powers—

A—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.—0.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit:—

(a) By owners.—0.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.—None.

B * Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.—65.

2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied:—

(a) By owners.—6.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.—None.

C—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.—None.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.—None.

D—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936—

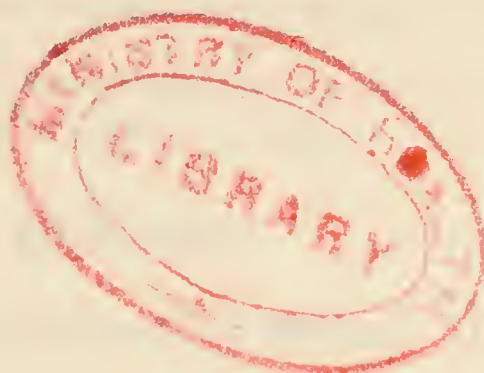
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.—None.

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THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WALSLEY.



Town Hall,

Walsden,

Near Manchester.

16th August, 1938.

Dear Sir,

Annual Report 1937.

I shall be obliged if you will correct the following error.

Page 29 Infectious Diseases, the year 1936 should obviously read 1937.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) T.E. Flitcroft.

Medical Officer of Health.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Health,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

Housing Act, 1936.—Overcrowding:—

A—(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—86.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein—98.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein—641,

B—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—0.

C—(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—53.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—305.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The number of Infectious Diseases notified by Medical Attendants during the year ~~1936~~ was 156.

1937.
Table showing how each Ward was affected.

| Disease | WARDS. | | | | | | | | Total |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------|
| | North | Central | East | Worsley | Boothstown | Hulton West | Hulton East | Worsley Road | |
| Diphtheria and Membranous Group | 7 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 43 |
| Scarlet Fever ... | 10 | 21 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 66 |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia ... | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | — | 1 | — | — | 11 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Encephalitis Lethargica | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Erysipelas ... | 2 | 3 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 4 | 11 |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis ... | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 18 |
| Other forms ,, | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Total ... | 24 | 48 | 20 | 13 | 7 | 13 | 21 | 10 | 156 |

Table showing number of Notifications for each month :

| Nature of Disease. | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | Sept'mb'r | October | Nov'mb'r | Dec'mb'r | Totals |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Small-pox..... | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Diphtheria and Memb. Croup | 2 | ... | 1 | ..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | ..... | 3 | 10 | 21 | 43 |
| Scarlet Fever ... | 5 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 66 |
| Erysipelas..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Enteric, Typhoid | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| Puerperal Fever | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| " Pyrexia | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 |
| Oph. Neonator'm | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| Encephalitis Lethargica ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| Pneumonia ... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 3 | 1 | ..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | 3 | ..... | 1 | 11 |
| Pul. Tuberculosis | 2 | 2 | 2 | ... | ..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | ..... | ... | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| Other forms..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | ..... | 1 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 6 |
| Ac'te Poli'my'litis | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| Chicken Pox ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 |
| Totals..... | 11 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 23 | 34 | 156 |

Each house was visited immediately after notification, and all information obtained as to a possible origin of the illness, and available means of thorough isolation of the patient from the rest of the family. In 77 instances isolation was found not to be satisfactory and the patients were removed to Hospital. Disinfectants have been supplied, and the necessary instructions given to prevent the spread of infection.

The total number of houses disinfected after infectious disease were 110, and no recurring cases were notified.

The Schools have been inspected and, when necessary, have been sprayed with a formaldehyde solution. The sanitary conveniences of two schools are of the privy midden type ; all the others are on the water carriage system, and have been regularly inspected.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

WALTER ALLEN, M.S.I.A.,

Certified San. Institute,

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

TABLE V.

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT.

Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces and Homework.

I.—INSPECTION—1937

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances

| PREMISES. | Number of | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| | Inspections. | Written Notices. | Prosecutions. |
| Factories (including Factory Laundries) ... | 11 | 2 | None |
| Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ... | 53 | 2 | |
| Workplaces ... | 6 | 0 | |
| Total ... | 70 | 4 | |

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

| PARTICULARS. | Number of Defects. | | | Prosecutions. |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | Found. | Remedied. | Referred to H.M. Inspector. | |
| Want of Cleanliness... | 2 | 2 | ... | None |
| Other Nuisances ... | 0 | 0 | ... | |
| Sanitary accommodation (UNSUITABLE OR DEFECTIVE) ... | 0 | 0 | ... | |
| do. Insufficient ... | 2 | 2 | ... | |
| Total ... | 4 | 4 | 0 | |

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL, WALKDEN,
January 17th, 1938.

Rats and Mice Destruction Act 1919.**National Rat Week, 1937.**

Sir,

I beg to report that the usual procedure was carried out. Circular letters were sent out to the occupiers of all premises where it was thought there was a possibility of rodents being present.

Replies have been received, both written and verbal, indicating that that action was taken during the Special Rat Week and that appropriate pro-cedure is taken at all times when their presence is observed.

I am not able to give you information in regard to numbers destroyed, but I am satisfied that the matter is treated seriously, especially by Farmers, Poultry keepers, etc.

The Council's refuse tips and sewage Farms are kept as free as possible.

Yours faithfully,

WALTER ALLEN,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
10, Whitehall Place,
London, S.W.1.

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

TOWN HALL, WALKDEN,

19th January, 1938.

Canal Boats Acts, 1877-1884.

SIR,

I beg respectfully to submit the following report on the inspection of Canal Boats in the above Urban District during the year 1937.

The Boats have been inspected on the Bridgewater Canal which passes through this District for a length of about three miles.

The number inspected—Twenty-five (25) are registered with the Manchester and Runcorn Authorities and certificates produced indicate that the total number of persons allowed to occupy them is 63.

The actual number of persons living on the Boats was 27; of these 23 were males and 4 females, There were no children present.

The following Boats have been thoroughly overhauled :—No. 23 Reg. No. 607. No. 15 Reg. No. 59. James Lord No. 14 Reg. No. 523. No. 3 Reg. No. 78. Kite No. 22 Reg. No. 6011.

The occupants continue to be clean and willing to give any desired information.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

H. LOMAX,

Clerk to the Council.

The Secretary,

The Ministry of Health,

Whitehall, London, S.W. 1

WALTER ALLEN,

Chief Sanitary Inspector

